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United Nations

Attorney Charles W. Tillett has written a comprehensive survey of the work of the United Nations to date for the Democratic Digest, official publication of the Democratic Party. The first installment of his survey is on today's editorial page.

SUDDEN CIO STRIKE GRIPS PORTS

Drive To Kill OPA Ahead Of Schedule Shapes Up

Harold Ickes

Max Gardner Influence' Dictated Appointment Of Budget Director

By HAROLD L. ICKES
(Former Secretary of the Interior)

Although, as a price control measure, the new OPA statute is as phony as, at the time of the upstage veto of its immediate predecessor by President Truman, I predicted that it would be, it is a pleasure to record that the President has appointed a first-class de-control board, the members of which are: Roy L. Thompson, New Orleans banker, Daniel W. Bell, former Undersecretary of the Treasury and George H. Mead, Ohio manufacturer.

These appointments go to prove that President Truman's expostulations that he cannot get "good men" to accept office because of the wickedness of Senator Tobey of New Hampshire and this writer in defeating for Under Secretary of the Navy that "great and good" man and "transcendent" public servant, Edwin W. Pauley, had a hollow ring to them. In this connection it is difficult to reconcile with President Truman's jeremiade with respect to Pauley his able veto message of the Tidelands Bill which was both aired and damned by the said Mr. Pauley.

When Harold D. Smith resigned as Director of the Budget the Government lost an able public servant who was practically irreplaceable. Mr. Smith recommended his successor Paul H. Appleby who had been Assistant Director of the Budget and who was able, competent and highly experienced. After serving in that post, to the entire satisfaction of the country, Mr. Appleby resigned to take a job in private life, as so many capable officials have found it necessary to do on account of the inadequate salaries that the Federal Government had been paying and, in some respects, still is paying.

Director Smith considered Appleby's services so efficient that he brought him back from return as Assistant Director. He asked President Truman to add his pleas, pointing out to him that, in the event of a vacancy in the Directorship, Appleby would be on hand to succeed him as Director. Apparently in support of this thoroughly sound idea, President Truman did urge Appleby to return.

MAX GARDNER'S PROTEGE GETS JOB

I was willing to bet that the President would not appoint Paul H. Appleby. And I was right. The man who was named has had no experience or training in responsible budgetary duties. No doubt(less) it was considered by President Truman to be a good political appointment since the appointee was a protege of Under Secretary of the Treasury, O. Max Gardner.

So at least in this instance, the complaints of President Truman that he cannot get "good men" to accept Federal office are somewhat insincere. For this important post he could have appointed a "good man" and instead he made a political appointment. Moreover, it was not even a "good" political appointment. North Carolina is a fixture in the Democratic column and Under Secretary Gardner, not only is an inveterate Democrat, but as a Federal official, would necessarily have to go along with the Administration.

But there undoubtedly was a reason for the President's appointing as Director of the Budget a man whom he had not even met until the appointment was signed and sealed and ready to be delivered. The Secretary of the Treasury is hiding in the wings somewhere. When John W. Snyder was given that big pair of Treasury boots, which he is not competent to fill there were rumors that, in disgust, Under Secretary Gardner would resign. So Mr. Gardner had to be appeased. Accordingly James E. Webb was appointed. But Snyder had to have the first bite of the apple. Snyder wants to get the Budget back into the Treasury, where it was until President Roosevelt and Harold Smith took it out and made it responsible directly to the President. My prediction is that Snyder and Gardner between them will take over the Budget, lock, stock and barrel. They ought not to be allowed to do this because the Budget should be the good right arm of the President himself, free to do his will. Properly it is not an adjunct of any single Department but an agency of the whole Government.

However, it is being organized to serve on the table of the already overfed Mr. Snyder.

Gen. Pershing 86 Years Old

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Gen. John J. Pershing is 86 today and a doddering old artilleryman who helped whip the Germans in 1918 has a date to say, "Happy Birthday."

President Truman arranged to call late today on his old AEF commander. Mr. Truman served with a Missouri National Guard Artillery Regiment in the First World War, coming out with the rank of major.

Pershing, retired with the rank of General of the Armies, has lived at the Army's Walter Reed Hospital here since he suffered a severe illness in 1938.

'Get Tough' Policy Hit

Wallace's Speech May Stir U. S.-Red Relations Storm

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Associated Press Diplomatic Reporter

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Diplomatic authorities frankly predicted today that Secretary Wallace's foreign policy speech will stir a hornet's nest of controversy over American-Russian relations.

Despite President Truman's assertion that no departures from established United States foreign policy were involved there was wide speculation that it might also result in a sharp split between Wallace and Secretary of State Byrnes, now at the Paris Peace Conference.

Calling for frank recognition of Russian and American "spheres of influence," Wallace at the same time denounced any "get tough with Russia" policies. He demanded too that this country abstain from close co-operation, with Great Britain in controversies involving the Soviet Union.

NEW YORK TALK

The Cabinet officer delivered the speech in New York last night at a meeting sponsored by the National Citizens Political Action Committee and the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

Long before its delivery, however, advance copies were made available in abundance at Wallace's office in the Commerce Department here, and the contents had become known to State Department officials.

The initial reactions of these officials appeared to be one of stunned surprise at Wallace's blunt advocacy of policies which they evidently considered to be in conflict with those Byrnes has been following.

However, about four hours before Wallace spoke, Mr. Truman

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Sen. Taft Leader Of Campaign

May End Agency By April 1

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A drive to kill OPA next April 1—three months ahead of its scheduled death date—is shaping up among Senators.

Discussed quietly by some members of both parties, the proposal was brought into the open by Sen. Taft, Republican, Ohio.

He told the Ohio Republican State Convention at Columbus Wednesday that price and wage controls should be "completely abolished" by April 1, with rent control not to exceed one more year transferred to the National Housing Administration.

TAFT EXPLAINS

Expanding on the plan in an interview, Taft noted today that under the current OPA Act all food subsidies must come to an end by April. He said he saw no reason why the Price Administration could not be liquidated at the same time.

An influential Democratic Senator, heretofore closely allied to the Administration, told a reporter on the condition his name not be used that "the greatest mistake" he had made in his long Congressional career was to vote for extension of the price control law last July.

He predicted a successful drive to abolish OPA as soon as Congress reconvenes next January.

Told of his statement, Taft said it seemed doubtful to him that the control agency could be cut off that quickly unless President Truman acquiesced. But Taft predicted such a drive would succeed by April. "If resentment against OPA continues to pile up."

There is no indication that Mr. Truman would accede willingly to abolition of OPA ahead of the present June 30, 1947, deadline. In vetoing the original OPA extension bill and asking for a new one, the President's No. 1 recommendation was for a full year's extension.

American Tobacco Co. Head

George Washington Hill Dies At His Camp In Canada

NEW YORK — (AP) — George Washington Hill, 61, who rose from a $5-a-week helper in his father's tobacco firm to president of the American Tobacco Co., died today at his fishing camp in Matapedia, Quebec Province, Canada.

Announcement of his death was made here by the company. He had been ill for a short time but the cause of death was not announced.

Hill, whose company popularized Lucky Strike cigarettes, made the tobacco business his life work and rose to become one of the highest paid corporation executives in the nation, averaging more than $400,000 annually for years as president.

He earned $5 a week when he joined the company at the age of 20 and once disclosed that his salary and bonuses netted him $6,500,000 between 1926, when he became president of the firm, and 1939.

THREATENED TO QUIT

But he sometimes was the target for minority stockholder groups because of the large bonuses paid him. Once he threatened to resign if the "incentive compensation" plan, under which top officers shared in the profits, was changed.

GEORGE WASHINGTON HILL

"My association with the American Tobacco Co. has been my life work," he said in a letter to stockholders. "I have known no other. But obviously I cannot, with self-respect, continue in the company if a decision is made which I must regard as a repudiation of proved successful policies—a change in the terms of employment of those who have built and are building business with me."

When the tally was made at the annual meeting of stockholders in 1940, Hill's management received a vote of confidence of more than 96 per cent.

An advertising man at heart, Mr. Hill reputedly spent more money advertising a single product than anyone in history—around $200,000,000 by 1944. In a single year the advertising outlay was $20,000,000.

"As the result of my years of experience in advertising I sincerely believe it to be a very great yet very simple science," he once said. "Reduced to its simplest terms, advertising is really nothing but 'salesmanship in print' and during these more recent years, with the introduction of the radio, 'salesmanship-in-person' as well."

Belligerent, controversial slogans

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Commission Considers Giving CIO Wage Hike

AFL Hits Wage Price Board

By MAX HALL

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The AFL swung a new verbal sledgehammer against the Government's wage-price stabilization setup today as CIO sailors took over the strike banners which AFL seamen appeared ready to drop.

Moving swiftly to overcome this new crisis, the Maritime Commission met to consider giving the CIO the same wage increase benefits won by the AFL.

RESIGNATIONS DEMANDED

AFL President William Green renewed his attack on the Wage Stabilization Board which the White House bypassed in producing a formula for ending the AFL seamen's strike. Green demanded that the board's two public and two industry members resign.

With shipping still at a standstill as a result of the sudden CIO strike, Green issued a statement saying:

"The Wage Stabilization Board now stands repudiated and disgraced. Its public and industry members have forfeited the confidence of the public and labor and should resign at once."

There was no immediate reaction from these members: Chairman W. Willard Wirtz and Vice-Chairman L. Phillips Garman (public), or from Earl N. Cannon and A. Colman Barrett (industry).

The board, which refused Tuesday to sanction wage increases for AFL seamen higher than those obtained last June by CIO sailors, also has two labor members. The labor members were out-voted, 4 to 2, on the issue, and the AFL began polling its membership on a proposal to withdraw from the board entirely.

Cannon and Barrett, the industry members, submitted their resignations to President Truman on July 18, but Mr. Truman prevailed on them to carry on "in the midst of this immediate and perhaps transitional period."

Cannon and Barrett had expressed belief that the "continuance of the so-called tri-partite arrangement of this and similar boards is inadvisable."

BOGGS'S URGED

Members of the Maritime Commission, meeting in executive session, indicated they would adopt the recommendation of their labor relations director, J. Godfrey Bowler, that wage boosts be extended to the CIO as well as to AFL seamen.

However, when the session broke up after more than an hour and a half, the chairman of a spokesman for the Commission told reporters that today's meeting was a "purely informative" one, that no action had been taken and that no further session was scheduled during the afternoon.

The Commission was reported as taking the viewpoint that it should await developments between the ship operators and the unions.

Harry Lundeberg, boss of the AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific, president of the Seafarers International Union which is on strike on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts last night completed a new contract with the operators on the West Coast embodying the higher rates authorized by the White House.

Butler said he would recommend that the Maritime Commission formally advise ship operators that the Commission has no objection to the same raises going the CIO.

Until the formalities are carried out, the merchant fleet remains the same—idle. Maritime unions can no distribute that other high rates or the CIO can freeze the industry.

John R. Steelman, who is Reconversion Director and Economic Stabilizer, signaled an end for the AFL stoppage by giving the strikers the raises they wanted.

The Steelman plan gives AFL seamen in the sub-boilerman rating $5 to $15 more a month.

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'War' Effort Charged

New Albanian U. N. Appeal Made

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. — (AP) —Albania, in another appeal to the United Nations to use its influence to end alleged "Greek provocation," charged today that the "monarchist-fascist rulers of Greece" are aiming at provoking an armed conflict between Albania and Greece.

Lt. Gen. Koci Xoxe, Albanian Minister of Foreign Affairs, telegraphed U. N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie that the Greeks aimed to provoke an armed conflict with Albania to "enable Greece to occupy and annex southern Albania under the pretext that it is part of the Epirus."

The charges came as the U. N. Security Council postponed the meeting set for today until 2:30 P. M. EDT, Monday at the request of the United States because of the temporary indisposition of Herschel V. Johnson, United States delegate.

The council is considering Soviet Ukrainian charges that the Greek government aided by British troops is a menace to the peace of the Balkans.

Last week Col. Tuk Jakova, Albanian Minister of State, appeared before the eleven-nation body to back the Ukrainian charges.

Truck Tie-Up Eases

NEW YORK —(AP)— The trucking tie-up in the New York metropolitan area eased still further today, but a Teamster's Union official said the strike would continue at least through tomorrow.

Michael J. Casnal vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL), said as he left for a meeting with truck operators:

"There won't be any developments for at least two days because we will be negotiating today and tomorrow."

Casnal added that the negotiations might take even longer.

Union members yesterday for the first time in the thirteen-day strike authorized their officers to negotiate with the truck operators. Both sides met last night with Mayor William O'Dwyer and spokesmen for both operators and the union said progress had been made.

Father Is Jailed On Cruelty Count

EAST CHICAGO, Ind.—(AP)—John Robinson, 44-year-old steel worker, who police said, placed his naked seven-year-old son in a burlap sack and hung him from a rafter in a shed, was in jail today under $2,000 bond on a charge of gross cruelty.

Police said they found Robinson's son, Eddie, after they had received a call from Robinson's wife, Mae, who told police she had protested the punishment. Police said her husband punished his son "the way my mother used to punish me," and he accused the boy of having taken 25 cents from his mother.

Police said the boy's head was sticking out of the sack, which was tied by a rope and hanging seven feet above the floor. He was not hurt.

Cold In North Central Area

CHICAGO—(AP)—Light frosts and below freezing temperatures were reported in parts of Michigan and Wisconsin for the second consecutive day today but Federal forecasters said warmer weather was on the way for the Midwest region.

The cool air which extended over the northeastern section of the country centered in Michigan and Wisconsin, with lows below freezing temperatures reported at Pellston, Mich., and near the 32 mark at Wausau, Wis. Temperatures dropped as much as 20 degrees below maximum normals in some sections yesterday, with Chicago's 57 the coldest reading since early last May.

Yugoslavia On Recovery Road

LONDON—(AP)— Yugoslavia was reported today "well on the road to recovery" by a field team of the subcommission for the economic reconstruction of devastated areas of the United Nations. The team has just returned from an inspection visit to the country.

"In Yugoslavia, as in Greece," the field team said, "UNRRA relief has been of vital importance, and wherever the sub-commission went they saw UNRRA locomotives, trucks and farm equipment.

"They also saw in the shop windows many food commodities supplied by UNRRA. Prices were moderate. The people appeared to be sufficiently fed, but often badly dressed."

Writers Form Association

NEW YORK —(AP)— Fifty prominent writers joined today in organizing the American Writers Association to combat what they called an attempt to establish monopoly control over all American literary production.

The Association, which includes Louis Bromfield, Katherine Brush, Clarence Budington Kelland and John Erskine, has launched a drive, through its headquarters here, to enlist 300 other leading American authors in its fight against what it terms a plot to establish a "dictatorship" over all the nation's writers.

In announcing its organization last night, the Association issued a statement referring to the "American Authors Authority," a group organized in Hollywood by screen writers and others last July.

The Hollywood group has proposed establishment of an "authority as the sole repository for all copyrights" and operated much the same way as the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, which largely controls the popular music writing field.

Veto Power Scored

Aussie Critical Of U. N. Council

PARIS — (AP) — An Australian delegate to the Peace Conference said today the United Nations Security Council was in disrepute through arbitrary use of the veto power, and should not be permitted to govern the proposed free territory of Trieste.

"The use of the veto power in the Security Council has been arbitrary, irresponsible and dictatorial and has brought the Council into disrepute throughout the world," said Col. W. R. Hodgson, who has served as a delegate to the Council.

"It would make the Trieste port question a threat to world peace."

To put the Trieste question in the hands of the Security Council, as suggested by the four-power Foreign Ministers Council, "would insure making the plan unworkable," Hodgson argued. He said Trieste should be governed by a Council representing the United States, Great Britain, Soviet Russia, France and three other nations.

"This problem belongs for decision and approval in this 21-nation conference here and the port should be administered by a Council of the Big Four and three other nations," he said in debate before the Italian Political & Territorial Commission.

His outright attack held implications of support for the opening question of Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, who demanded information as to how the United States proposed to guarantee the liberty of the Trieste area under the Security Council scheme.

The American delegate on the commission said only that he was not prepared to give a precise answer to Molotov's question at this time.

James C. Dunn, U. S. Ambassador to Rome and the chief American delegate on the Commission, said only that the U. S. plan called for the United Nations Security Council to name the governor of the free city of Trieste and that the governor would be its representative in administering the area.

Fresh Meat Supply Low

CHICAGO —(AP)— A big drop in receipt of meat animals at the nation's major stockyards since OPA price controls were reimposed Sept. 2 was reported today as supplies of fresh meat remained near the vanishing point in most sections of the country.

Twenty of the biggest yards received a total of 655,000 meat animals in the first eleven days of the new price controls. In the first eleven days of June when ceilings were in effect the twenty markets handled 1,193,000 animals. Hog receipts dropped from 451,000 in the first eleven days of June to 66,000 this month. Sheep and lamb receipts decreased from 427,000 to 370,000.

Spokesmen for the meat industry said marketing of livestock since OPA ceilings were reimposed met only 20 per cent or less of the estimated consumer demand.

At Chicago's big stockyards, skeleton crews of butchers are maintained by the packers, but they are not kept busy. Armour & Co., one of the country's biggest packers, equipped to slaughter 11,000 hogs a day, was able to buy only fifteen of the 700 received yesterday. Swift & Co. did not obtain a single hog and bought only two cattle. Wilson & Co. buyers acquired twenty hogs from yesterday's run, which was a new all-time low for a Thursday.

Hurricane On Move

MIAMI, Fla. —(AP)— Bermuda was alerted for a hurricane today as the first major tropical storm of the year increased on Friday the 13th to a force of some 90 miles an hour.

Hurricane hunters flew into the disturbance and located its center at mid-morning near latitude 28 degrees north, longitude 75 degrees west. The storm was moving northeastward at sixteen miles an hour.

OVER ATLANTIC

The storm touched a portion of the Bahamas with 65 to 85 mile winds during the night and moved out over the open Atlantic. Its present course and speed, said the Federal Storm Warning Service, will carry it probably west of Bermuda during the early forenoon tomorrow.

At 10 A. M., the storm forecaster reported, the hurricane had a diameter of about 100 miles, and its center was 360 miles northeast of Miami. Its movement was away from the United States mainland.

The advisory:

"A tropical storm at A. M. EST: Airplane reconnaisance has located the center of the small hurricane near latitude 28 degrees north, longitude 75 degrees west. The highest winds are estimated at about 90 miles an hour. It now is moving northeastward about sixteen miles an hour. Indications are for continued northeastward movement during the next 24 hours with the center passing near but probably west of Bermuda early Saturday forenoon. Caution advised Bermuda area and ships in path."

Jinx Jinxed

Police Star 1313 Now In Glass Case

CHICAGO—(AP)—Police Star 1313 won't jinx anyone this Friday the 13th—or ever again.

The star is in a glass case in the office of James McSweeney, Police Headquarters Secretary, and McSweeney says "it never will be issued again."

Star 1313 was issued in 1923 to Policeman John Bryant, a Negro, who died five years later at the age of 32.

Next it went to Policeman Joseph Sevick, who turned it back six years later in 1939. In those six years, McSweeney said, Sevick's wife, two children, mother and father died. His brother, Policeman John Sevick, was shot and killed by a prisoner in the Criminal Court.

Next Star 1313 went to Policeman Charles Schwerifager who was involved in a shooting resulting later in a damage suit. Schwerifager died in May of 1944, after 13 years service in the 13th District Station. The Star was turned in May 13.

British Fleet To Go Into Aegean For Maneuvers

LONDON —(AP)— An Admiralty spokesman said today that Britain's Mediterranean fleet would move toward the Aegean Sea Sept. 18 for its Autumn exercises. He said he knew of no plans for U. S. and Turkish naval units to take part.

The Admiralty official said the Autumn exercises had no political significance—they revive a prewar practice.

Britain's Home Fleet, led by the battleship King George V, will begin North Sea maneuvers Sept. 25.

Survey Of Conditions Made

Meat Scarcest Item In Nation's Larder; Strikes, Housing Shortages Plague Cities

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

Meat is the scarcest food item in the nation's cupboard; hundreds of thousands of workers are unemployed in strike-hit cities, and the housing shortage has reached critical proportions in many communities.

These facts were disclosed today in a nation-wide survey conducted by the Associated Press.

Samplings of conditions in cities from coast to coast also showed that the family larder was short of sugar, soaps, fats and oils.

In the housing field, public housing authorities said they had long waiting lists from applicants for practically non-existing living quarters, and that apartments were "impossible to find" in some places.

"This is how the situation stacked up in the various cities:

New York—Food: OPA investigators found only about 55 per cent of retailers had meat for sale. Housing: Highly critical, according to local authorities. Strikes: Largest port at standstill through maritime strike. Truck strike cutting food supplies. Unemployment: State Department of placement and unemployment insurance said 150,000 workers out.

Washington, D. C.—Food: Meat fast dwindling, with sugar and shortening equally scarce. Unemployment: Estimated 20,000 to 25,000 jobless with available positions put at 4,400. Housing: Individuals needing adequate living quarters estimated "in excess of 100,000."

Baltimore: Food: Meat hardest to get. Unemployment: 31,974 receiving unemployment compensation. Housing: 18,000 homes needed by families living in substandards homes or doubled up, says FHA. Strikes: Three unions and 3,400 men involved in maritime strike.

New Orleans — Housing: Acute. Unemployment: 23,000 estimated jobless. Strikes: One.

Chicago — Food: Meat scarcest food in this important livestock center. Strikes: 12, involving 1,675 workers. Unemployment: Unemployment Compensation Commission reports 75,000 compensation claimants. Housing: Metropolitan Home Builders Association said work started on 11,000 homes and priorities issued for 19,000. Lack of materials has brought work on 8,500 units to a standstill.

Detroit — Food: Beef hardest food to get. Strikes: One factory shut with 5,000 idle. Unemployment: State Commission reported 40,000 compensation claims from industrial workers, and 35,000 veterans seeking allowances. Housing: City Housing Commission predicts demand for 20,000 to 25,000 units with the supply "not more than 10,000 in the immediate foreseeable future."

Denver — Food: Fats, oils, and pork listed on scarce list. Strikes: One department store walkout involving about 700 persons. Unemployment: USES estimated 12,500 jobless with opening on file for only 500. Housing: City Housing Authority said situation "could not be more critical."

Birmingham, Ala.: Food: Meat, scarcest item. Strikes: One, involving 150 workers. Unemployment: 19,000 jobless. Housing: "Still desperately short" with an estimated 12,000 additional units needed.

Jacksonville, Fla.: Food: Meat scarcest. Strikes: Only maritime. Unemployment: Housing shortage acute.

Atlanta — Food: Meat most scarce. Strikes: 1,500 workers in three firms on strike. Unemployment: 15,000 out, according to USES. Housing: Acute.

WEATHER

Considerably warmer tonight, moderately cool this afternoon; Saturday partly cloudy and warmer; light showers today, Saturday and Monday; gentle to moderate variable winds.

Temperatures at 3:30 today: Highest, 84; lowest, 64. Highest and lowest temperatures for last 24 hours: 85 and 64. Sunrise tomorrow, 6:47; sunset, 6:15.